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Lansing Fire Officials Ban Open Burning

Effective immediately, a ban on open burning in the City of Lansing has been enacted by the Lansing Fire Department until further notice. The current extremely dry weather means it is not safe for recreational burning and the state Department of Natural Resources (DNR) has issued a Very High Fire Danger for Lansing and surrounding areas.

This ban does not apply to grilling or cooking using charcoal, wood, propane or natural gas in cooking or grilling appliances.

At this time, the ban does not apply to fireworks that can be used legally on the day before, the day of and the day after the July 4 holiday. **However, please be advised that the ban may be extended to include consumer grade fireworks depending on continued weather conditions.**

The ban on open burning is enacted pursuant to the city's Code of Ordinances, Chapter 1610, Section 307:

I.F.C. Section 307 (5):

Prohibition or discontinuance by Chief. The Chief or his or her designee may prohibit or terminate any or all recreational fires when atmospheric conditions or local conditions make such fires hazardous, or when the Chief or his or her designee determines such action is necessary to protect public safety.

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